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Swine flu

Editorial in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (4-28) says: "....It is time for readiness and not for panic. Until it is confirmed that there is a link between A/H1N1 with all the suspected deaths and a high level of transmission between humans, there is not much to do besides await epidemiologists' conclusions with serenity."

Cooperation between Iran and Brazil

Op-ed in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (4-28) by Iran's Ambassador to Brazil, Mohsen Shaterzadeh, states: "....One of the criteria that helps the most in the rapprochement between the two countries [Brazil and Iran] is the view of their Chief of States with regards to foreign issues. Both presidents' slogans are social justice; the fight against poverty and exclusion....We are facing the emergence of new powers in the world, which are breaking monopolies of industrial and technological production that shortly ago belonged to few countries. In this context, Iran and Brazil have words to say.....In President Ahmadinejad's government there is an effort to promote Iran's cooperation with Latin American countries, based on the principle of mutual respect and non-intervention in the internal matters of other countries."
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